

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Nacogdoches and Angelina counties; Nacogdoches the returning county.—Jesse J. Watkins, of Douglass, Nacogdoches county, was born in Henderson county, Tennessee, December 25, 1828; moved to Texas in 1833; located in Red River county, and, in 1835, moved to Nacogdoches county, where he has since resided; a farmer by occupation; has filled the offices of justice of the peace, county commissioner, and tax assessor of his county, during the last twenty-five years; elected to the House November, 1882, as a Democrat, over three opponents. Mr. Watkins' father, Jesse Watkins, was an old friend of General Sam Houston, in Tennessee, and was appointed by him in 1837 to negotiate a treaty with the wild tribes of Indians on the frontier of Texas; successfully made treaties during that year, and in the discharge of similar duties in 1838, was murdered by the Indians, near the Brazos river.